GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Prakasam District - Allegations of irregularities committed in the work "O&M of CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other habitations in Talluru Mandal of Prakasam District" – Departmental Proceedings against Sri M.Srinivasa Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole of Prakasam District under the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 195 **Dated: 21-03-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/Talluru/2024, dated 26.02.2024 & 15.03.2024 of ENC, RWS&S.
2. Govt. Memo No.2391621/Vig.VI/2024, dt.27.03.2024.
3. Letter from the ENC, RWS&S Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/ Talluru/2024, Dated 19.04.2024.
4. G.O.Rt.No.189, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.21/03/2025.

Order:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri M.Srinivasa Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole of Prakasam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of articles of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri M.Srinivasa Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole of Prakasam District is directed to submit written statement of his defence within 10 days from the date of the receipt of this G.O.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M.Srinivasa Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole of Prakasam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para (3) above or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance

(Contd.P-2)

of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri M.Srinivasa Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole of Prakasam District is invited to Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri M.Srinivasa Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole of Prakasam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. shall be acknowledged along with Annexures-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M.Srinivasa Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole of Prakasam District (w.e) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the orders on the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same to the Government for record)

Copy to:
The General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (PR&RD, RWS and EFS&T).
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Est.II) Department.
Sf/Sc

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.SRINIVASA KUMAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, ONGOLE OF PRAKASAM DISTRICT:

Charge-1:-

That Sri M.Srinivas Kumar, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole has committed certain irregularities in operation and maintenance of the "CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other Habitations in Prakasam District" for the year 2023-24.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF THE IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTCLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.SRINIVASA KUMAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, ONGOLE OF PRAKASAM DISTRICT:

The Chief Engineer, QA&QC has reported that the O&M estimate for the above said work "CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other habitations in Talluru Mandal of Prakasam District" work was administratively sanctioned vide Procgs. Rc.No.P3/66/2023, dated 07.02.2023 of Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Ongole with an estimated cost of Rs.76.00 lakhs and the work was technically sanctioned vide CR.No. /2022-23, dt.06.03.2023 of the Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole.

The Deputy Executive Engineer, QA&QC of Ongole District has inspected the work "O&M of CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other habitations in Talluru Mandal of Prakasam District" on 9th February, 2024 and submitted his inspection report.

As per the D.Code, the Executive Engineer concerned is the in-charge of the work. But Sri M.Srinivas Kumar, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole did not inspect the scheme since long time and also not reviewed the O&M aspects of scheme with the field staff, which has led to the following adversities:

(1) the non-maintenance of O&M registers like the details of O&M staff engaged, log books for pumping hours of raw water & clear water pump sets and water quality parameters etc.
(2) the untidy and unhygienic premises & water leakage from one side cylinder of 4 MLD Micro Filters where the area is with full of jungle and supplying untreated water to public there by playing with the health of public.
(3) panel boards without suitable capacitors at pumping stations due to which higher energy costs occurred and
(4) defunct gas chlorination system at Head Works.

From this, it is established that without assessing the water quantity and quality the O&M bills are being recommended by the field staff to the O&M contractor because of non-performance of duties by Sri M.Srinivas Kumar, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole.

Thus the said Sri M.Srinivas Kumar, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole has shown gross negligence, lack of devotion and integrity while discharging his duties. Thereby violating Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and D.Code.

Hence the Charge.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.SRINIVASA KUMAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, ONGOLE OF PRAKASAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

1. Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/Talluru/2024, dated 26.02.2024 & 15.03.2024 of ENC, RWS&S.
2. Govt. Memo No.2391621/Vig.VI/2024, dt.27.03.2024.
3. Letter from the ENC, RWS&S Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/ Talluru/2024 Dated:19.04.2024.
4. G.O.Rt.No.189, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.21/03/2025.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE ARE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.SRINIVASA KUMAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER , RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, ONGOLE OF PRAKASAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

-NIL-

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER